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'THEIR TOWERS ARE DESOLATE'

—Zechariah

By the Rev. J. D. MEACHAM, Vicar of Sittingbourne,
in a sermon to the Kent County Association of
Change Ringers.

I SUPPOSE ever since the end of the war there has been a shortage of people ready to help with the work of their churches. Some parishes have difficulty in getting choirboys and choirmen, others Sunday School teachers and parish workers; but the shortage of ringers is as bad as any of these. Of so many churches can be said, in the words of the prophet Zechariah: 'Their towers are desolate.' The boards are still on the walls of the ringing chambers, telling of the glories of the past, yet of how many churches in this locality can it be said that their bells are rung fully for all services?

The causes of this dearth go very deep. Ours is a lethargic age, when it is difficult to engender enthusiasm for anything. There are now many diversions, and these are apt to result in those which make demands on mind and body being excluded. Ringing makes claims on both, so it can be seen why towers are desolate.

How can this be got over? There is no easy solution for this or for any other part of the community where resources are depleted. But we who work for the Church have something to fall back on. Because it is the Church's bells that we are ringing, we can never quite treat our craft as a hobby that one takes up or lays down at will, or doesn't turn up for when it doesn't suit one to. However practical our church work may be, it has an element of the mysterious or the spiritual about it.

Our ringing is part of that significance. It has a bigger significance than merely that it should delight me or my friends. We can jog along for a time doing practical things for the Church because they interest us and amuse us to do so, but as soon as our interest flags or we are discouraged in some way, perhaps because someone does not say 'Thank you,' the question arises: 'What's it all about, anyhow?' Then we find we need some other incentive or inspiration that will give a firmer foothold to support our human weakness.

Our service this morning, and particularly the ringers' hymn and our prayers, should do something to supply that foothold. It reminded us that we did our work for God's honour and glory.

Every art and science should be done for God's honour and glory, but ringing is openly done for that end. It isn't done to entertain the neighbourhood—though one hopes it does, and indeed it ought. It is done to proclaim God, to remind people of God. And if everybody (in John Betjeman's words) was not 'summoned by bells,' how many otherwise forgetful Christians would have their complacency ruffled by this brave reminder that the Church was about to embark on its worship?

Ringers make more noise on God's behalf and make it more publicly than any other body of people in God's Church. Church bellringers of this country are a reminder of God forced upon the public. People cannot help hearing them, and to many it might possibly be the only audible reminder.

Ringers are not on view to the congregation like the choir or the sidesmen. Their work is done in secret, and the consequence often is that the ringers don't get so much as a 'thank you.' This is, of course, ungrateful and discourteous, and one hopes it is not widespread.

But the obscurity in which ringing is done has a message for the whole Church. It is reasonable that we should want to be recognised and appreciated in the job we do for the Church, whatever it may be. But in the long run it doesn't matter much: what really matters is our message.

I expect ringers get a great pleasure in ringing, both in its technical and its social aspects. But we don't have to be sanctimonious only to recall a fact that can make make so much difference—that it is God's work we do and for His honour and glory that we do it.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

THE third session of the 24th Council (65th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 12th, 1962, in the City Hall, Cardiff, at 10 o'clock.

Members are asked to sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the honorary secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Life Members (Rule 7 (i) (b)). Mr. S. Burton, proposed on behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Guild by Mr. P. J. Staniforth, seconded by Mr. B. G. Warwick.
2. Election of Honorary Members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper. There are five vacancies.
3. Appointment of Trustee of the Carter Ringing Machine.
4. Loss of members through death.
5. Minutes of the last meeting.
6. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
7. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
8. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1961.
9. Report of the Trustee of the Carter Ringing Machine.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
(a) Standing Committee.
(b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
(c) Literature and Press Committee.
(d) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
(e) Biographies Committee.
(f) Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.
(g) Peals Analysis Committee.
(h) Records Committee.
(i) Peal Boards Committee.
(k) Peals Collection Committee.
(l) Methods Committee.
(m) Towers and Belfries Committee.
11. AMENDMENT OF DECISIONS
To amend the third item of 'Conditions Required for Peals' in Section D (1) of the Council's Decisions by substituting the following for the existing wording:—
'Each bell shall be rung throughout by the same person and there shall be no exchange of bells by any of the ringers during the ringing of a peal, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the ringing of any bell throughout the peal by two persons at the same time, where the weight or go make this essential.'
Proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cartwright.
12. MOTIONS
(a) 'That this Council acknowledges the successful efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to ensure a higher standard of ringing broadcasts by the B.B.C., but regrets the fact that the programme entitled "Christmas Bells" broadcast on Christmas morning has been a recording on the last two occasions and asks the Broadcasting Committee to try to persuade the B.B.C. to revert to a "live" broadcast of actual ringing to mark the Christmas Festival.'

Proposed by Mr. D. N. Layton, seconded by Mr. A. V. Davis.

PRESENTATION TO MR. JOSEPH ELLIOTT



(b) 'That this Council asks all affiliated territorial Societies to consider

(i) whether non-resident life members' subscriptions should be uniform throughout the Exercise, or

(ii) Whether without further payment membership of one affiliated territorial society should entitle a ringer to non-resident life membership of all other such societies.'

Proposed on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mrs. A. D. Barker.

13. To fix the place of the next meeting.
14. Any other business.

A. E. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

LATE NEWS

Death Of Mr. Ernest Morris

With sincere regret we announce the death last Saturday, at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, of Mr. Ernest Morris, of 38, Strensall Road, Eyres Monsall, Leicester. He was 72 years of age.

He had not been really well since Christmas, but carried on until Palm Sunday, when he did not attend evening service at St. Margaret's, Leicester. The next day (just before he was due to go to Loughborough with 'the Monday peal band') he was rushed to hospital with severe internal pain.

On Good Friday he had an operation for a prolapse of the prostate gland. The operation was a success and subsequent progress satisfactory until last Friday when he complained of a new pain across his chest. The end came suddenly, just after midnight on Saturday morning. The cause of death was coronary thrombosis. So passes from our midst the humblest and yet greatest ringer of all time.

The funeral service, followed by cremation, was at St. Margaret's on Tuesday.

B. G. W.

A message to 'The Ringing World' from Ernest, written in hospital, appears under Belfry Gossip.—Ed.

For over 170 years the Elliott family has given faithful service in the belfry of Kelvedon, Essex. It was in 1790 that the first Elliott entered this belfry.

A special meeting was held on April 14th to mark the 70th birthday of Mr. Joseph Elliott and to congratulate him on completing 54 years as a bellringer and 25 years as tower captain of St. Mary's, Kelvedon.

A specially cast 'scale model bell' suitably inscribed was presented to Mr. Elliott by the Vicar, the Rev. P. C. Elers, M.A., on behalf of the Kelvedon ringing members.

Prior to the presentation a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the church bells to honour the occasion.

There are two generations ready to follow Mr. Joseph Elliott and maintain this wonderful record of continuity.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY WEDDING

The wedding took place on Easter Monday of two members of the University of Bristol Society—Mr. John C. Baldwin, a former master from Whitstable, Kent, and Miss Beryl W. Abbott. The service took place at the bride's home church, St. John's, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. H. Abbott, and attended by her two sisters, Kathleen and Gillian. Miss Elizabeth Jackson and Mr. Royston Blackler, the chief bridesmaid and best man respectively, are also members of the University Society.

The bells of St. John's are not regularly rung and the bride and bridegroom, with the help of Miss Elizabeth Jackson, spent Easter Saturday cleaning the belfry and oiling the bells. Ringing friends from all parts of the country rang before and after the service. Unfortunately a badly frayed rope broke, much to the amusement of the non-ringing guests.

Speaking at the reception afterwards the best man, Mr. Blackler, explained that this wedding was yet another success for the Bristol Society cupids, although unfortunately he could not claim the success for his own term of office. Mr. Baldwin, the bridegroom's father, thanked the Abbott family on behalf of the guests for the true Yorkshire hospitality they had all enjoyed during the week-end.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and a fleet of cars accompanied them to Leeds station where, with true Bristol efficiency, they boarded the Scotland train just as the whistle blew.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S EASTER FESTIVAL

A NEW chapter was opened in the history of the Kent County Association at the 82nd annual meeting held at Sittingbourne on Easter Monday. Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, who for the past eight years had held the office of honorary secretary, had signified that he was not seeking re-election. There were two nominations for the office. A ballot resulted in the election of Mr. P. A. Corby. He polled 78 against 51 by Mr. C. T. Hillis, honorary secretary of the Ashford District.

The day's proceedings started with the service in St. Michael's Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Meacham) officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. V. M. Allen, Rector of Tunstall. The lesson was read by Dr. Hatcher.

There was a company of 168 at the luncheon, held in the Drill Hall. Mr. G. H. Spice, a vice-president and former secretary of the Association, presided and guests included Councillor K. R. C. Ravensdale, chairman of the Sittingbourne and Milton U.D.C., and the Rector and Mrs. Meacham.

Mr. Spice apologised for the absence of Mr. John Willis, the Association's chairman, whom he said had undergone an operation in Dover Hospital. He was improving but was not strong enough to come that day. He welcomed the guests.

Remarking that it was the first time the Association had visited Sittingbourne, the chairman of the U.D.C. extended to the company a very cordial welcome. The ringing of bells, he said, was part of the English way of life and he for one would be very sorry if it was to stop.

The Rev. J. D. Meacham also gave a welcome. 'You are here,' he said, 'because of the vicissitudes of Rochester: because you could not get a meal there on Easter Monday. We are glad you thought of us as a good second choice. What a good thing it was that Rochester was able to provide a meal in Dickens' day, else there would have been no Pickwick Papers. Sittingbourne, however, could look back to Chaucer.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' also replied.

Mr. Spice was in the chair for the business meeting when apologies were received from Messrs. J. Willis, Tom Cullingworth, E. J. Ladd, Peter Richards (New South Wales) and P. Wilkinson.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood while the following deaths were reported by the secretary. Practising members: Mrs. H. Stringer (Goodnestone), R. A. Jenkins (Dartford), C. C. Bishop (Upchurch), G. Wood (Queenborough, oldest member of the Rochester District), F. A. Fairbeard (Canterbury), A. Kedwell (Folkestone); honorary: Mrs. F. Pack (Faversham); non-resident members: A. F. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), A. B. Peck (Reigate), Preb E. V. Cox (Axminster), J. T. Kentish (Hatfield), P. E. Clark (Ealing), L. H. Baybutt (Bexley Heath—formerly Kashmir), H. Belcher (Osterley) and W. H. Hoad (Salehurst).

The committee's report stated that subscriptions were received from 1,094 practising members—a slight increase on last year. The considerable increase last year in the number of honorary members was not maintained, but the figure of 67 was comparable with recent years: 21 non-resident life members were enrolled; Brookland and Hothfield were welcomed into union, but regrettably Brenchley and Cowden had lapsed.

Mrs. E. A. Barnett returned to the committee as a Lewisham District representative, in place of Miss Isobel Inman. Mr. R. L. Sills had resigned the secretaryship of the Maidstone District after several years of dis-



MR. PHILIP A. CORBY,
the new secretary, K.C.A.

tinguished service and was succeeded by Mr. M. W. Gilbert.

ADVANCE OF INFLATION

In a personal message, Dr. Hatcher wrote: 'For many years now we as an Association have become progressively poorer as, with the advance of inflation, the value of our subscription income has declined. That we have maintained the nominal level of our assets has been due entirely to controlled spending. Certainly with a large but mainly passive membership, it is practicable to keep going on our present income, and in the post-war years there has been much encouraging activity in all our Districts.'

'But how large a force are we in the land? Can anyone who believes in the art of ringing, dedicated to the service of God feel entirely happy about the future? Think of the hundreds of new churches being built without towers of bells. Think of the danger that in our older churches there will be increasing reluctance to keep their bells in full repair.'

'For a beginning, members of the Association should be prepared to subscribe, in real value, as much as did their grandfathers. Our Association activities should expand and make increasing impact on the life of the Church. As an Association, we should be in a position to make sizable contributions to funds for bell restoration. If you like, we should

The report was then adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Dobbie, seconded by Mr. F. S. Macey.

The treasurer (Mr. W. B. May) presented the accounts. The income and expenditure account showed a balance of £142 against £171 brought forward, which was accounted for by the purchase of badges and certificates. From the Benevolent Fund (£230 in hand) only one grant of £10 had been made and only one grant of £10 from the Belfry Repair Fund, which had a balance of £270. The balance sheet showed that the actual assets of £1,108 against the amount of holding of £1,437. The auditor, Mr. A. S. Richards, said the balance sheet showed that they were about £30 better off than last year with the current value of their holdings.

The accounts were then accepted.

INCREASE IN PEALS

The report of the peal secretary, Mr. Ian H. Oram, stated that 161 peals were rung for the Association during 1961, which was the highest total since 1951. Included in the peals were two at Leeds, rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the extent of Bob Major rung at that church in 1761. Twenty-two members rang their first peal; there were 34 conductors, the peal secretary heading the list with 31.

Several 'firsts' for the Association were performed, viz. Barham Delight Minor, Rochester Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Minor in 12 and 13 methods and Spliced Surprise Minor in 27 and 30 methods, the latter being the most methods ever rung for the Association.

Mr. Oram said he wanted compositions of all peals on seven bells upwards, except well known ones like Middleton's Cambridge.

In thanking Mr. Oram for his work, the chairman congratulated him on conducting the peal of 30 Spliced Surprise Minor.

Two new members were elected—C. W. Brown and Heather Dadds, both of Margate. With the exception of the secretary, there were no changes in the officers or committee elected.

Mr. P. A. Corby, speaking on the printed reports, said the number printed had been reduced from 500 to 420. They had had a bill of £109 for printing those reports and he proposed to challenge that amount.

ASSOCIATION'S FINANCES

Mr. Corby said the General Committee had before them in November a proposition for raising the subscription and the imposition of peal booking fees. It was felt that before recommending such an increase the finances of the Association should be looked into and a sub-committee was appointed to get out statistics from the Association's accounts over 10 years. The sub-committee would submit their report to general District meetings in order to make alterations, if necessary, at the 1963 general meeting.

Views of members were invited as to the annual meeting being held on a Saturday instead of Easter Monday. Mr. Hillis thought Saturday was worth trying, and contended that it would be cheaper from the point of view of feeding. There was an overwhelming show of hands in the meeting being held on Easter Monday.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks. The chairman proposed one to the District secretaries, for their 'labour of love,' Mr. J. A. Russell proposed one to the chairman, and the 'omnibus' vote came from Mr. B. W. May, which included the Vicar, choir and organist, with a special 'thank you' to Mr. Terry Barton, the Rochester District secretary, upon whose shoulders fell responsibility for local arrangements.

50 YEARS AGO

A 'PEELERS' PEAL

'R.W.' May 3rd, 1912.—

The policemen of London have rung a peal—a 'peelers' peal we are tempted to remark. The Force have made many captures in their time, but never before have they captured a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples. There were two separate 'charges' in this case, Cornelius and George.

Stedman Triples on the back eight at Manchester Town Hall is a pretty big order, but it was successfully accomplished on Saturday. The tenor is 52 cwt., and this is the heaviest ring of bells rung to a peal of Triples by eight men only.

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PEAL RINGING IN 1961

DURING 1961 no fewer than 2,810 peals were rung. This is not quite equal to the total of 2,837 in 1960, but substantially above 1959, when there were 2,410 peals recorded. Methods in which 10 or more peals were rung are as follows:

Maximus.—Cambridge 22, Yorkshire 13.
Cinques.—Stedman 21.
Royal.—Cambridge 42, London 10, Yorkshire 34, Plain Bob 19.
Caters.—Grandsire 45, Stedman 29.
Major.—Bristol 40, Cambridge 111, Lincolnshire 40, London 68, Pudsey 18, Rutland 32, Superlative 30, Yorkshire 126; Spliced Surprise: 9-16 16, 7-8 12, 5-6 15, 2-4 34; Kent T.B. 44, Double Norwich 41, Plain Bob 132, Little Bob 13.

Triples: Grandsire 107, Stedman 73, Plain Bob 20.

Minor.—21 methods and over 24, 14-20 methods 21, 8-13 methods 53, 7 methods 162, 5 methods 50, 4 methods 74, 3 methods 79, 2 methods 37, 1 method 326.

Doubles.—15 methods and over 15, 8-14 methods 33, 7 methods 30, 6 methods 12, 5 methods 24, 4 methods 18, 3 methods 22, 2 methods 39, 1 method 111.

Guild and Association Records

Ancient Society C.Y.—Maximus 3; Cinques 4, Royal 4, Caters 4 (1); Major 12; Triples 4, Minor 2. Total 33 (1).

Bath and Wells.—Royal 2; Caters 1; Major 17; Triples 7; Minor 13; Doubles 19. Total 59.

Bedfordshire.—Royal 3; Caters 1; Major 15; Triples 1; Minor 5; Doubles 2. Total 27.
Cambridge Un.—Cinques 1; Caters 1; Major 8; Triples 1; Minor 1. Total 12.

Chester D.—Maximus 1; Royal 8; Caters 2; Major 82 (2); Triples 3; Minor 49 (1); Doubles 5. Total 150 (3).

Cleveland & N. Yorkshire.—Minor 1. Total 1.

Coventry D.—Royal 1; Major 7; Doubles 1. Total 9.

Cumberland & N. Westmorland.—Major 7; Minor 1. Total 8.

Derbyshire.—Royal 1; Caters 6; Major 20; Triples 3; Minor 20 (2); Doubles 30 (25). Total 80 (27).

G. of Devonshire.—Maximus 1; Cinques 1; Royal 3; Major 19; Triples 10; Minor 8; Doubles 7. Total 52.

Dudley & District.—Caters 1. Total 1.

Durham & Newcastle.—Maximus 1; Cinques 1; Royal 3 (1); Caters 1; Major 30 (4); Triples 10; Minor 9; Doubles 1. Total 56 (5).

E. Derbyshire & Notts.—Nil.

E. Grinstead & District.—Major 1; Triples 1; Minor 1. Total 3.

Ely D.—Major 13; Minor 25 (2); Doubles 3; Minimus 1. Total 42 (2).

Essex.—Caters 1; Major 40; Triples 10; Minor 53 (1); Doubles 8. Total 112 (1).

Gloucester & Bristol.—Maximus 2; Cinques 2; Royal 5; Caters 10; Major 26; Triples 10; Minor 30 (5); Doubles 16. Total 101 (5).

Guildford D.—Caters 2; Major 15; Triples 10; Minor 9; Doubles 7. Total 43.

Hereford D.—Major 6; Triples 3; Minor 10; Doubles 14. Total 33.

Hertford C.—Royal 2; Major 43 (3); Triples 2; Minor 30; Doubles 1. Total 78 (3).

Irish A.—Triples 1; Doubles 1 (1). Total 2 (1).

Kent C.—Cinques 1; Royal 6; Caters 3; Major 63 (2); Triples 16; Minor 60; Doubles 14 (1). Total 163 (3).

Lancashire.—Maximus 8; Royal 7; Caters 3; Major 59; Triples 10; Minor 21 (2); Doubles 2. Total 110 (2).

Leicester D.—Maximus 5 (2); Royal 27 (2); Caters 1; Major 67 (26); Triples 14 (2); Minor 50 (12); Doubles 39 (17). Total 203 (61).

Lincoln D.—Maximus 4; Cinques 2; Royal 3; Caters 5 (2); Major 64 (3); Triples 6; Minor 62 (1); Doubles 5. Total 151 (6).

Llandaff & Monmouth D.—Cinques 2; Royal 2; Caters 3; Major 6; Triples 1; Minor 10 (5); Doubles 6 (1). Total 30 (6).

London C.—Cinques 1; Royal 2; Major 1; Doubles 1. Total 5.

Midland C.—Cinques 1; Royal 2; Caters 1; Major 21; Triples 1; Minor 11; Doubles 1. Total 38.

Middlesex C.—Maximus 1; Royal 1; Caters 3; Major 40 (1); Triples 2; Minor 12. Total 59 (1).

N. Police G.—Nil.

New S. Wales.—Minor 1; Doubles 1. Total 2.

North Staffs.—Royal 2; Major 13; Triples 4; Minor 15 (2); Doubles 4. Total 38 (2).

North Wales.—Major 1. Total 1.

Norwich D.—Maximus 3; Cinques 2; Caters 1; Major 27; Triples 2; Minor 36; Doubles 12. Total 83.

Oxford D.—Maximus 1; Royal 5; Caters 5; Major 72; Triples 39; Minor 23; Doubles 35; Minimus 3. Total 183.

Oxford Society.—Cinques 2; Major 1; Triples 1. Total 4.

Oxford Un.—Major 1; Minor 3. Total 3.

Peterborough D.—Major 13; Triples 3; Minor 18; Doubles 18. Total 52.

St. David's D.—Nil.

St. Martin's.—Maximus 13; Cinques 3; Royal 23; Major 29; Triples 1; Minor 2. Total 71.

Salisbury D.—Caters 1; Major 8; Triples 4; Minor 7; Doubles 6. Total 26.

Scottish A.—Nil.

Sheffield & District.—Minor 1. Total 1.

Shropshire.—Caters 1; Major 6; Triples 3; Minor 15. Total 25.

Society Royal Cumb. Y.—Royal 2; Major 4; Triples 1. Total 7.

Southwell D.—Royal 2; Caters 1; Major 10; Triples 4; Minor 29 (1); Doubles 8. Total 54 (1).

Arch. Stafford.—Cinques 2; Royal 5; Caters 5; Major 20; Triples 2; Minor 8; Doubles 6. Total 48.

Suffolk.—Maximus 3; Royal 8; Caters 2; Major 39; Triples 1; Minor 46 (1); Doubles 2. Total 101 (1).

Surrey C.—Cinques 3 (1); Royal 3; Caters 2; Major 9; Minor 12; Doubles 2. Total 31 (1).

Sussex C.—Royal 2; Caters 2; Major 19; Triples 5; Minor 19 (2); Doubles 3. Total 50 (2).

Swansea & Brecon D.—Major 2; Triples 1; Minor 1; Doubles 1 (1). Total 5 (1).

Traur D.—Royal 1; Caters 1; Major 7; Triples 3; Minor 5; Doubles 3. Total 20.

Universities.—Caters 1; Major 2; Minor 1. Total 4.

Un. Bristol.—Cinques 1; Minor 6. Total 7.

Un. London.—Caters 1; Major 11; Minor 9 (1); Doubles 1. Total 22 (1).

Winchester & Portsmouth D.—Cinques 2; Royal 9; Caters 1; Major 32 (2); Triples 6; Minor 4; Doubles 3; Minimus 1 (?). Total 58 (?) (2).

Worcestershire & Dist.—Royal 2; Major 33; Triples 7; Minor 19; Doubles 9. Total 70.

Yorkshire.—Maximus 3; Cinques 2; Royal 18; (1); Caters 2; Major 64 (4); Triples 3; Minor 45 (7); Doubles 5 (2). Total 142 (14).

Other Soc. and U'att.—Cinques 1 (1); Royal 4; Major 13 (2); Triples 1; Minor 17 (2); Doubles 2; Minimus 1. Total 39 (5).

Totals: Tower bells 2,653; Handbells 157. Grand total: 2,810.

Handbell peals are in parentheses.

ALTON, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Lowen 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Smith 5, L. Noakes 6, E. Hedger 7, A. Bone 8. Ring to celebrate Easter Day.

'PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD'

(Popular Rudhall Inscription)

On April 12th, a Western Region train bore down on Evesham Station, narrowly missing a porter carrying six cycles across the track. One mile later, a puncture occurred. Thus started a three-day outing by a band of Worcestershire ringers.

At Childswickham, we found the bells half-muffled for Lent, and the Rector joined us in Cambridge Minor. Grandsire Minor was rung at Buckland, after which the Rector, riding a sports cycle, led us by a narrow bridle path to his other church at Stanton. Surrounded by twigs and oil-stoves we raised this anti-clockwise six and broke the tenor rope.

A quarter of Dumbleton was rung at Dumbleton, the tenor ringer's hands disappearing through the ceiling at regular intervals. We visited Alderton, before tackling the long ropes on Winchcombe's fine six. The night was spent at Duntisbourne Youth Hostel.

Friday, 13th, saw us ringing Double Oxford at Chedworth. Refreshed by Easter eggs and liquorice, we arrived at Great Rissington. The first peal was rung on the magnificent toned, if rough-going, Rudhall six, lubricated with dripping from the Rector's Sunday joint. The ropes fall in an anti-clockwise circle except for the fourth, which is in a circle of its own, between the fifth ringer and a large horizontal beam. The huge tea which awaited us in the Rectory remained partially unconquered, however.

The hospitality shown by the Stow-on-the-Wold local band was much appreciated. The captain, Mr. Ewins, having arranged for choir practice to be stopped so that we could ring. At Stow Hostel, the tallest member of the party was seen to disappear carrying a large green bottle, rumoured to contain either a love potion or possibly liniment for cyclist's cramp.

At Adlestrop, our sociable treble ringer was forced to turn an unsociable back on the band, and ring into the corner. He has scars on the back of his hands to prove this! The fourth bell at Evenlode was found to go badly and after brief consultation its ringer ascended the tower armed with a hammer, re-appearing some crashes later, bearing hammer and chunk of Cotswold stone. The bells now being ringable, a peal in seven methods was scored, the first on the bells, which were five in 1725!

Ringers were present from Stourbridge, Kingswinford and St. Peter's, Droitwich, with a foreigner from Putney, who soon overcame language difficulties. P.C. & A.C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Tonbridge District

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hadlow on April 7th. Ringing began promptly with plenty of opportunity for learners and then members attended a service, conducted by Rev. Peter Bardsley. Mr. Peter Bond kindly accompanied the hymns. Unfortunately only a limited number could take tea at a nearby cafe, but 35 members attended the business meeting which followed.

Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair for the meeting, and 19 new members were elected and five honorary members. Lt.-Col. O. G. A. Phillips, of Sandhurst, was made welcome to this meeting, and he was able to tell members that Sandhurst bells (6) may be ready for ringing again by Whitsun. Joined by more visitors, ringing continued in the evening in a variety of methods. M.A.L.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THREE BELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on the three-bell performance at Botley leads me to recall an occasion, some time ago, when I was teaching a band of youngsters in a six-bell tower not far from here. Our bells were out of action for several weeks, and during this period we were allowed to practise in a neighbouring village, where the church contained a fairly substantial ring of three. One evening three of the local ringers, apparently not satisfied with our standard of striking, came up and gave us a demonstration. Their repertoire, I remember, consisted of forward Original, followed by a sequence of four or five changes in which one bell (the tenor, I think) jumped from lead to 3rds place in a single blow. They rang these changes cart-wheel fashion, and performed the most amazing series of contortions in order to check their bells in. Nevertheless, they maintained a perfect rhythm throughout which would have been a credit to any Minor band. Afterwards, one of the ringers proudly declared that they had 'once rung a quarter peal of that'—a highly miscellaneous performance!

The tower captain, incidentally, had the most unorthodox habit, when the ringing was not too strenuous, of sitting on a chair whilst ringing the treble. Also, in the intervals between the ringing the ringers would take out cigarettes or pipe, according to taste, and puff away quite unconcernedly in the ringing chamber, being undeterred even by a visit from the Vicar!—Yours, etc.,

DAVID G. PAPWORTH.

Tadley, near Basingstoke.

BILDESTON, SUFFOLK, BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Fitzgerald, in his letter in your issue of April 20th (page 253), is mistaken in thinking that Bildeston, Suffolk, bells have been augmented to eight.

A recent inspection of the six bells here disclosed that the treble, cast by John Danyell about 1450, is badly cracked in the crown; the fifth bell is the only one used and that was unsafely clocked. The frame is a peculiar gallows type structure, 10 ft. 6 in. high, part in oak and part in soft wood, and badly worm-eaten. All the bells swing N-S., the weaker way of the tower, and the latter is cracked apparently because of this arrangement. The rope circle is peculiar, being 145326 in a clockwise direction. The fittings are fragmentary and change ringing is now out of the question. There is a peal board of 1841. The tenor is 46 3/16 in. diameter and probably scales 17 cwt.—Yours, etc.,

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Radlett, Herts.

SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS

Dear Sir,—It has been found necessary to strengthen the tower walls with a concrete ring all round before the main girders can be inserted to take the new bell frame.

The opening day has therefore to be postponed until later in the year and the new date will be announced in 'The Ringing World' as soon as it is known.—Yours faithfully,

Saffron Walden, Essex. L. E. PITSTOW.

'WITHDRAW QUICKLY'

Dear Sir,—I was shocked and dismayed to read the letter from Mr. James Taylor in 'The Ringing World.' For an apparently sensible man Mr. Taylor surprises me by writing such nonsense about a man who is a dedicated service of the Exercise.

To say that Mr. Martin knows nothing about good striking is ridiculous; he is as good a striker as anyone I know, and is renowned for this in north-west England.

Unfortunately Mr. Martin's words were not reported completely. The words he used were more like, 'the University Societies have for some time had a reputation for bad striking, although I do not travel about sufficiently to know whether or not this is true,' and, 'the danger is that as soon as learners can handle a bell they may be pushed on to ring complicated methods before they can strike properly.'

I think there is some truth in his first statement, and as regards the second this is a real problem which all University Society Ringing Masters have to face up to and do all in their power to prevent.

I imagine that the Wirral meeting that Mr. Taylor attended was unique. That any tower or district could have too many youngsters or be giving them too much encouragement is unbelievable; and that no good striking results at Wirral meetings is downright untrue.

Having been rather rude about a speech that was not reported completely, I consider that the best thing Mr. Taylor can do is to apologise to Mr. Martin and withdraw quickly.—Yours faithfully,

PETER S. BENNETT,
Ringing Master,
Liverpool U.S.C.R.

DEVON GUILD'S BELL RESTORATION FUND

Dear Sir,—I should like to correct a statement made by our Branch correspondent in a Mid-Devon Branch report in your issue of April 20th.

The proposal made by me at the Chudleigh meeting, concerning the Guild's Bells Restoration Fund was 'that balances of over £10 held by this Branch be sent annually to the said fund with the hope that other Branches might follow our example.' It would therefore be up to other Branches to consider, if they liked, whether they could help this worthy fund in a similar manner. Some Branches have considerable balances and it would be highly presumptuous to expect them to reduce them to £10 as implied by the incorrect statement. We hope, however, they may be able to set some other arbitrary ceiling of balance.

At the moment the Devon Bells Restoration Fund is financed almost entirely from the half collections at Branch and annual meeting services, but the incoming moneys do not keep pace with the requests for grants.

I believe it is up to ringers in their time to set a strong lead in this question of bell restoration and it is hoped that the above proposition is a small step in the right direction.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROBERTS.
Hon. Sec., Mid-Devon Branch.

MORE EXPERIMENTING

Dear Sir,—Like some other correspondents, I have been experimenting with methods with a different treble path and I have arrived at the figures below.

Since I am no composer and the method has a plain course of five-thirds the length of Surprise and T.B. methods, I have not tried to obtain an extent, but I wonder if any of the composers of the Exercise could obtain a 720 (if the method is in fact original)?

As will be seen, the treble double dodges in 1-2 and 5-6 and makes Court places in 3-4. It is easily extended to Royal, but unfortunately if extended to Major the treble loses its symmetrical path.—Yours sincerely,

P. A. BRAND.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex.

SUNBURY?

123456	352614
214365	325641
124635	236514
216453	263541
126543	625314
215634	652134
251364	561243
523146	651423
532164	564132
351246	546123
531426	451632
354162	415362
345612	143526
436521	413256
463512	142365
645321	412635
654312	146253
563421	
536241	142635

Or in Place Notation:—

—36—36—16—14—36—16—14—14—16.
L.E. 12.

N.B.—I suppose I ought to give this class of method a name—perhaps Court Place Bob.

BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

Dear Sir,—Following upon the very interesting article from the pen of Mr. Ernest Morris, which mentioned the tradition from Nichols' 'History of Leicestershire' of an exchange of bells between Long Clawson (Leics) and Grantham (Lincs), may I thank Mr. Simpson, of Grantham, for his research amongst the records of the church and the Town Council. I share his disappointment in drawing a blank.

At my request the Vicar of Long Clawson, the Rev. A. Wilcock, has searched the records of his church, but unfortunately he has neither churchwardens' accounts nor minutes of meetings prior to 1800.

I have made inquiries at the office of the archivist at Lincoln and there is no record of such an exchange in 1662. (Apparently—no records.)

Mr. Thomas North, in his book 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' does not confirm this story of an exchange of tenor bells, but he does accept that the bells are the gift of the then Lord of the Manor—William Bozan—who served at Agincourt with King Henry V.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

Long Clawson, Leics.

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CONDITIONS IN SUFFOLK BELFRIES

By R. W. M. CLOUSTON

IT has always surprised the writer how bells appear to survive undamaged under the most adverse conditions, though sometimes not without risk to the ringers concerned. He well remembers hearing from the ringer of a single pre-Reformation bell in a church in Sussex of the day, when, during ringing, there was a rumbling noise and the bell descended to the ground. Fortunately the ringer got out of the way quickly and the bell landed on the crown, and, apart from breaking a canon or two, was undamaged. Such stories are fortunately rare, but with the coming into force of the Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure, which covers only the architectural features of a church, the writer felt that an engineering inspection of bells would be highly desirable. The architect's inspection does cover the bell frame and supporting structure, but here the thrusts due to swinging bells can produce effects which are not observable with the bells stationary, and can get overlooked when inspections are made under these latter conditions.

Inquiries failed to reveal that any similar engineering survey covering all towers in a particular area had ever been carried out, and as it was desirable that the results should be on a standard basis the writer designed a form which covers two foolscap sheets. The design was at least in part based on that used by a friend when making similar inspections of windmills. The first sheet covers tower details; the bells collectively, the frame and the fittings, and points needing attention. The second sheet deals with each bell individually, up to five on each, including such items as diameter, pitches, tone, soundbow thickness (worn and unworn), clapper correct length(?), tuning marks, cast-in crown staple retained(?), argent and canons retained(?), bell loose in headstock(?), type of securing ironwork, type of attachment and state of gudgeon pins, founder, casting date, inscription, details of clapper and suspension system, clapper roll a: right angles to line of normal action, etc.

Naturally incumbents can be a little reluctant to allow inspections to be made which might disclose that costly repairs are unavoidable! However, in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich the writer is in a better position than most people wishing improvements in belfry standards. As a Bishop's representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee and technical adviser to the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, he is in close contact with the Archdeacons and other diocesan officers and no difficulties have arisen so far.

226 TOWERS SURVEYED

The bell inspection work commenced using the forms in 1955 and to date the writer has covered 226 towers, which is just under half the towers in the diocese, and in time he hopes to complete them all. Copies of the reports go to the parish, the Archdeacon concerned, the Diocesan Advisory Committee, the Diocesan Inspecting Architect (a rare appointment not generally found in other dioceses) and the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

An analysis of some of the details on the forms for the first hundred towers may be of interest; in due course a review of the second hundred will be prepared.

The towers were mainly selected at random, or because of their proximity to Ipswich, or because a faculty application was pending. Twenty-seven contained sets of five or more bells; three rings of eight; ten rings of six; 14 sets of five, including four hung dead.

The hundred towers contained 284 bells; of these 100 were rung in full circles, 97 were swung chimed, and 50 were unsafely clocked. By this it is meant that the clapper could be held in contact with the side of the bell, while the latter was vibrating so giving rise to a considerable risk of cracking. Only six were safely clocked. Seventeen were hung dead and were sounded with Ellacombe hammers.

The securing ironwork was interesting; though 256 bells had normal screwed straps or bolts, four still hung from nailed straps. With these a strip of iron, say 1 inch wide by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, was made into a 'V' and

passed through a canon and then nailed to the headstock, so the whole weight of the bell is then taken on the nails in shear. These nails were very probably driven in some 300 years ago. One of the four bells had additional more modern straps, but the other three in one tower, with a tenor of $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., all hang from nails. Twenty-three had wedge bolted straps; these preceded the screw thread and are in effect triangular wedges of metal driven through slots in the bolts and then curled over to prevent loosening. Weakening due to corrosion and slackening are the main defects with these and they would seem to have been obsolete by about 1780.

BELLS LOOSE IN HEADSTOCK

Of the 197 bells which were regularly swung 20 were found to be loose in their headstocks. Since most of them were hung using canons and argent, which are liable to snap off when bells are rung under these conditions, this number, at 10 per cent, is far too high. Some of the worst cases were in towers where the bell or bells were extremely difficult to reach.

On the age of the 284 bells inspected, 69 (24 per cent), were cast before 1600, 84 (30 per cent) in the next century and 61 (22 per cent) in the 18th century. As one might expect, 100 had been turned from the position in which they were originally hung, but turning had not been applied to a number of seriously worn bells. Five had pits where the clappers still strike in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep, one to the extent of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

This defect cannot be taken in isolation from that of the clappers being too long, as the overall result is the same: the bell where struck is thinner than it ought to be. In two extreme cases the clappers were too long and there were serious pits where they struck, with the result that the metal was over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thinner than it should be; on both the unworn soundbow was some $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick.

13 VISIBLY CRACKED

Of the bells with clappers, some 52 had them over $\frac{1}{4}$ inch too long and two with them as much as 2 inches too long. The smaller amounts were due to wear of the staple joint and the others to fitting by completely inexperienced hangers.

Of the 284 bells 13 were visibly cracked. Eight of these had cracks in the crown due to the cast-in iron crown staple and only five had failed by the mouth due to misuse. This is quite a useful guide as to how important it is to drill out the remains of cast-in crown staples and fit independent ones when overhauling bells. The eight include two bells hung out on top of the tower, which suggests that the main trouble is that in frosty weather the bronze in the crown tries to contract more than the iron staple will allow it due to the different coefficients of expansion, and cracks develop.

Some founders' bells do seem to be more likely to suffer from this defect than others, mainly because they used larger section iron staples. Apart from the two bells on the top of towers, which suffered from their environment, three of the other six are from Miles Graye's Colchester foundry and two from Gardiner's 18th century one at Sudbury.

Two hundred and ten bells of those inspected still used their cast-in staples; in 44 more the dangerous stump still remained even though a false staple had been fitted separately. Only 26 had independent staples, even though these have been in use over a century now.

On the musical properties lack of tuning forks in the period when the first 100 towers were inspected prevented detailed analysis. However, bells with unsatisfactory tone were generally those which had been considerably chipped to alter the strike note, some others were maiden bells, but were either porous or quite the wrong shape or thickness.

Another interesting analysis is the comparison of the number of bells these churches had at the Reformation and now. The 1553 Returns ordered by King Edward VI relate to 96 of the 100 churches, of the balance one made no return and the three others are later fabrics. These 96 towers now contain 280 bells, yet in 1553 and therefore before

the days of change ringing, they contained 304 plus 14 sanctus bells. The original sanctus bells have nearly all disappeared, though one of 14th century date is the clock bell on the local Town Hall, and others have been recast into clock and service bells. At the Reformation only seven of the churches had single bells, now, alas, the number has risen to 41, and overall it does seem that 80 bells have disappeared without a trace, though in some cases the vacant pits remain in the frame.

HAMMER AS CLAPPER

The inspections have revealed a number of interesting items. An almost complete bell wheel dated 1738 of unusual design and just under 7 feet in diameter.

One swing chimed bell had a hammer clamped to the headstock which struck the bell just below the inscription band, and which was used as a 'five minute bell.' The cord passed from the hammer, over the crown and to a pulley in the top cill of the pit end. The sound produced was horrible and as a result of the recommendations made the bell has since been rehung without this gadget.

Another bell is in a timber gallows structure in the churchyard, with the mouth just below the level of the grass; a chain is tied to the clapper and this passes through a buried iron pipe into the church. The set-up is highly inadequate, but the tower fell down years ago. Another swing chimed bell hangs in a frame of about 1850, the gudgeon pins instead of running in brasses run in the timber of the frame.

One church has a roofless west tower and the 4 cwt. bell is hung from a single 'U' bolt from a beam spanning the middle of the west window opening.

Another church which has lost its tower has by the churchyard boundary a small timber structure, rather like those seen at the bottom of cottage gardens in the heart of the country. Here, however, it has a different use, and houses the $2\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bell some 6 feet above the ground.

No comments have been made so far on difficulties of access. Ladders are notoriously untrustworthy; the worst one come across so far and which was used to reach the bell was some 15 feet long and had six missing rungs, three being consecutive. Also one of the verticals was badly cracked and had been strapped up with iron banding. As a result of his experiences, the writer has obtained a three section extending ladder, which can be taken round on the car roof.

JACKDAWS' STICKS 6 FEET HIGH

The record for a pile of jackdaws' sticks is held by a tower not covered by the first 100 reports; this had a free standing pile on the first floor 6 feet high. The previous figure was 3 ft. 6 in., but this was in one corner of the tower.

As a result of the reports remedial work has been undertaken in a number of towers, some bells have been lowered to the ground pending funds being raised for their rehanging, and others have been rehung. In one unfortunate case of the tenor of a ring of six, the report stated that the Ellacombe chiming hammer was bent and struck the bell where the metal was far too thin. Apparently nothing was done and it is now reported that this 11 cwt. bell is cracked, which it was certainly not at the time of the inspection.

While Suffolk may have a higher proportion of unringable bells than is general elsewhere, and quite obviously conditions in towers with less than five bells are far from satisfactory, it does seem from the writer's general observations in other counties that considerable improvements should be aimed for in other dioceses. Are we, as a fraternity, doing enough to see that something is done about this state of affairs?

Long Length Attempt Postponed

Dear Sir,—Due to my temporary indisposition, the attempt to ring 23,040 Treble Bob Minor at Fairfield, Buxton, was postponed. My apologies are offered to those who were to have taken part in the attempt, to the umpires and to any other people who were inconvenienced by this postponement.—Yours sincerely,
ROBERT B. SMITH.
Marple, Cheshire.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES THORLEY

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Thorley, of Thorne, West Yorks, aged 64, who passed away at his home on March 31st, after a short illness.

From boyhood he had been a bellringer and after the last war was tower captain and conductor at Thorne Parish Church. Under his leadership the ringing at Thorne reached a very high standard and the striking was excellent at every service. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition he, nevertheless, enjoyed ringing and loved to hear the bells well struck.

He resigned as a ringer four years ago when the team was depleted by members leaving the area.

In his early days he was a member of Thorne Colliery band during its prizewinning period. As a boy he was apprenticed as a printer and during the latter years he had been a colliery surface worker at Thorne, Bentley and Armthorpe.

BARCOMBE (SUSSEX) JUBILEE

The three old bells at St. Mary's, Barcombe, Sussex, were recast and three new ones added to form a ring of six in 1912.

They were tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and all hung in a new steel and iron frame, and supplied with new fittings throughout by Gillett and Johnston. Details of the bells:

No.	Note	Dia.		cwt. qr. lb.
1	D sharp	24½	cast 1912	2 2 11
2	C sharp	25 9/16	cast 1912	2 3 16
3	B	27½	cast 1912	3 1 8
4	A sharp	29½	1674, recast 1912	3 3 27
5	G sharp	32	1604, recast 1912	5 1 9
6	F sharp	36	1927, recast 1912	7 2 9

The bells were first rung on Easter morning. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Lewes on Easter Eve (April 12th), 1912. S.B.

BELLS AROUND BURNLEY

PADIHAM. Nelson and Colne form the Burnley area, which includes four rings of eight bells and two chimes of eight bells, apart from the numerous single bells. Travelling from west to east we come first to Padiham St. Leonard's. This church possesses a ring of eight bells by Taylors, with a tenor of 16 cwt. in E. They are hung in a wooden frame, all on one level, and in plain bearings except for the tenor, which is in ball bearings. In spite of this the go of the bells is not too bad, and several peals have been rung there, although none recently. At one time there were only six bells here, but these were augmented about the beginning of the century.

Next is Burnley Holy Trinity. To find the ringing chamber enter the church porch, then turn left through a small door and up a short flight of stairs to the room. The ropes fall near the wall; rising up one side of the room is a stairway, which leads to the clock chamber and on up a ladder to the bells. These are by Gillett and Co., and were cast in 1825, with a tenor of 11 cwt. in F sharp. The bells are hung in a wooden frame which is in need of repair, the treble and third being hung above the rest. They are very noisy outside, although the tone is not very bad. The go is not good as the clappers can strike the soundbow in any direction and it has been found that the sliders break instead of the stays! Trinity ringers used to be the leading ringers of Burnley.

Burnley Parish Church is in the centre of the town. Bells were hung in the tower at the west end of the church 400 years ago, but the present bells are a Taylor octave, with a tenor 18 cwt. in E. Previously there was an octave with a similar weight by Mears and Stainbank. In 1924 the bells became unringable and were recast and hung in an iron frame. At some time the tower was raised and the bells are rung now from a spacious ringing room about 40 feet up, with the bells another twenty feet higher.

The ringing chamber is reached by entering a door at the bottom of the tower, then climbing the spiral staircase. Once the door was on the inside of the tower, and one ringer coming to a meeting went to this door, only to find to his astonishment that it had gone! St. Peter's is the only church in Burnley where there is regular service and practice ringing.

From the imposing spire of St. Mary's, Nelson, we would expect a heavy eight, but no, it holds eleven chiming bells, the heaviest being 24 cwt. in F, and cast in 1924 by Taylors. These bells are bolted on girders and chimed from a keyboard. St. Philip's is the next Nelson tower. The Whitechapel Foundry cast eight bells in 1923 and hung them in an iron frame with the third and fifth above the rest. The tenor is 14 cwt. in F and they go well. The ringing chamber is small and the circle good, though the room for those not ringing is very limited. The entrance to the tower stairs is well concealed at the back of the church in a little alcove near the light switches.

Alter Nelson comes Colne. The bells here are fairly old. The back six were cast by Mears and Stainbank about 1880. Two trebles were added later and were hung over the rest, in a wooden frame. There is an old ringing chamber in the tower, but this is just below the bells and they sound very loudly, so they are rung from ground level, with the ringers standing around the font. The tenor weighs 16 cwt. in F, and the go of the bells is quite good, though they are now rather hard to hear and there is some rope rattle.

Leaving Colne in the direction of Skipton we come to the last tower in the district, Foulridge St. Michael and All Angels, with ten bells, tenor 12 cwt. in A flat, and cast in 1925 by Gillett and Johnston. These bells are bolted to girders like those at Nelson St. Mary's, and are chimed from a keyboard in a small room in the solidly built red brick tower. E. J. F. W.

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Mr. Ronald Dove, of 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8, writes requesting 'corrections' to the Bellringers' Guide to be sent to him direct and not via correspondence pages of 'R.W.' He proposes to publish a list of augmentations which have taken place since the Guide went to press last June.

Four first quarters are reported from Egremont, Cumberland.

The practice night at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, is on Tuesdays.

Handbell enthusiasts in Leicester are getting new targets; first peals of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus and York Surprise Major.

Lyneham, Wilts, ringers wish to convey their thanks to Miss E. R. Knutton, who stood in at the last minute in a quarter peal rung at St. Michael's Church for Palm Sunday.

The first quarter peal by the present local band at Salford Priors, Warwickshire, formed in June, 1959, and starting change ringing in October, 1960, was rung on Easter Sunday for Holy Communion. Friends will note the progress.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples at Ardleigh, Essex, on Easter Monday, had six locals, believed to be most from the tower that have stood in a peal. They were all taught by the local captain, Mr. Felix H. Erith.

There was a happy Easter morning in the belfry at Shipton-under-Wychwood, where 16 ringers turned up and all had a ring, including the two oldest active ringing members of the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Methods rung were: Doubles, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major.

The B.B.C. T.V. local news men visited St. Mary's, Eling, Hants, on April 17th to film the magnolia tree which hangs over the wall next to the church. The ringers were quickly called, and on the following evening in the local news the tree was shown with the church. Background music of Grandsire Doubles was provided on the bells. Later viewers saw the seven ringers there were also some good 'close-ups.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris, who is in the Oliver Ward of the Leicester Royal Infirmary, had an internal operation on Good Friday and the latest news is that he is resting comfortably and progressing satisfactorily. Ernest comments: Having been rushed off for an immediate and urgent operation he first had a Minor then a Major one in Leicester Royal Infirmary, which caused him the maximum amount of pain and suffering. However, he is now on the road to recovery and hopes to be home again soon. Alas! it was not to be.

In connection with the Ladies' Guild meeting at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday (May 5th) there is to be a slight alteration in the times of the evening ringing. Buckfastleigh bells are to be available from 5.30 p.m. and Dean Prior bells from 6.45 p.m.

A correspondent writes: 'It was wonderful to hear Stotfold bells ringing out again at 6.30 on Easter morning, ringing as they have not done for ten years or more, telling not only the Easter message itself but that the message means something in Stotfold. St. Nicholas', Norton, band were ringing at 6.31 a.m. and I expect they were ringing at Baldock too, but the wind was wrong for me.'

Ringer and chorister at the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich, Mr. Robin Skerratt was married on March 24th to Miss Julie Cook. A pre-nuptial quarter finished 30 seconds before the service, with barely time for ringers to robe before taking their seats in the choir. It would have been far better for the quarter to have been lost than unseemly haste on the part of certain choristers.

Four different constabularies were represented in the National Police Guild's peal at Manchester Town Hall on April 7th. Manchester City Police contributed Frank Yates, Richard Benson, Stanley Livesey and Arthur Pearce; Lancashire Constabulary Richard Holt and Kenneth Bonehill, Cheshire Constabulary William H. Dowse, and from Bolton Borough came the conductor, Peter Crook sen. Three of the band are pensioners.

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BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 9
BASIL JONES .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., April 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 WOODSTOCK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 9
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5	*A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit AX reversed and transposed).
* Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. First of Royal in the method.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 6
*FRANK R. MORTON .. 2	GEORGE A. PACKER .. 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 8
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 9
†ROBIN J. LEE .. 5	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal in the method, and on ten bells. † First in the method.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Treble	W. DAVID WARD .. 6
ANNE C. GARNETT .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. 8
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 4	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 9
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Rung to mark the engagement of Robin G. Leale and Gillian A. Neal Smith.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

GEOFFREY DODDS .. Treble	*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 6
HAROLD V. FROST .. 2	KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 7
STEPHEN P. DARVILL .. 3	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. 8
JOYCE DODDS .. 4	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 9
*SHIRLEY H. SLADE .. 5	GERALD PENNEY .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM KENT.

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

* First peal on ten bells, and in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

Rung on the retirement of the Vicar (Rev. A. M. Fergusson).

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. in D flat.

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD .. 6
RITA M. JOWETT .. 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	BARRY SULLIVAN .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 9
ROGER J. LUMLEY .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and second only of Surprise Royal, the previous one being Cambridge on June 9th, 1924. The conductor has now rung a peal of Surprise Royal on all 14 (the present number is 13, Hull having since been augmented to 12) rings of ten in the county.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 6
*ERIC EDMONDSON .. 2	†DENNIS KNOX .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 8
*JOAN BERESFORD .. 4	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 9
†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5	*JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal in the method.

Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday, and in celebration of St. George's Day.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. 7
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 3	HAROLD STEVENSON .. 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	JAMES W. RAITHEY .. 9
*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 5	GEOFFREY PAUL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*SUSAN E. SMITH .. Treble	†S. ALAN SCOTT .. 6
*BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. 3	ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 8
*JOHN BALL .. 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. 9
ALAN STURGESS .. 5	JOSEPH SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

† First peal.

Rung for the Festival of Eastertide, and for St. George's Day.

STAFFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

K. PETER JONES .. Treble	*DAVID J. ORLEDGE .. 6
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 8
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 9
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Royal.

A wedding compliment to Beryl Abbott and John Baldwin, of Shrewsbury, married this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Treble	PETER WATSON .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	NEIL BENNETT .. 6
PETER T. DALE .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
*LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung on the eve of the Annunciation of B.V. Mary; also to mark the engagement of Lawrence D. Clement and Beryl Major.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

IVAN KAY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
HAROLD LONYON .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David Lawrence and his family,

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEOFFREY W. PYBUS ..	Treble	*JOHN S. RANK ..	5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH ..	2	JACK H. BRETT ..	6
ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	7
JOHN A. WARNER ..	4	THOMAS BIRD ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

An engagement compliment to Rosemary C. Brook and Roger Palmer.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*KATHLEEN PILSBURY ..	Treble	*OLIVER P. HAWTREE ..	5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ..	2	PETER LAFLIN ..	6
EILEEN M. FEARN ..	3	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	7
CAROL FERNLEY ..	4	BASIL JONES ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN ..	Treble	HAROLD C. LONYON ..	5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD ..	2	EDWARD JENKINS ..	6
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ..	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	7
CAROL FERNLEY ..	4	BRIAN HARRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MALCOLM B. BARSBY ..	Treble	DEREK M. SAWYER ..	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	2	A. JAMES POYNOR ..	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	7
KEITH H. MILDRED ..	4	*BRIAN C. LAW ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOSEPH THORNLEY ..	Treble	STANLEY ANDERTON ..	5
JOHN T. PARSONS ..	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE ..	3	HAROLD HAMER ..	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	4	JOHN F. WOOD ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung upon the eve of the Feast of the Holy Easter; also to celebrate the marriage at this church, previous to the peal, of Miss Patricia Holliday to Mr. Charles Ernest Evans.

ARKSEY (NEAR DONCASTER), YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*DAVID SHEPPARD ..	Treble	RUSSELL STEPHENSON ..	5
JAMES THORLEY ..	2	JOHN POTTS ..	6
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	3	ALAN SHEPHERD ..	7
KENNETH B. SISSONS ..	4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

In memoriam Charles Thorley (Thorne), who died March 31st. 1962.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

PETER SCOTFIELD ..	Treble	CHARLIE CLEGG ..	5
NORMAN SMITH ..	2	*ERIC J. F. WALL ..	6
PAMELA BLAKELEY ..	3	ROBERT BOLT ..	7
RICHARD J. PARKER ..	4	WALTER E. WILKINSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BOLT.

* First peal on eight. First as conductor on eight.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*LYNDA ROBERTS ..	Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ..	5
†MARGARET GUTHRIE ..	2	GEORGE BRADBURY ..	6
E. MARION KEY ..	3	PETER BARKER ..	7
BARNABAS G. KEY ..	4	*EDWIN J. BORLEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

In memoriam Arthur Armstrong, a member of the local band, who died April, 1961.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL ..	Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	2	STANLEY G. PONTING ..	6
E. JANE LANGTON ..	3	DEREK E. SIBSON ..	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	4	W. LESLIE WELER ..	Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the second.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, BELGRAVE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb.

*MRS. H. B. BOWLEY ..	Treble	JACK P. KESTERTON ..	5
*ORIEL CASTLEMAN ..	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ..	6
DAVID G. WILFORD ..	3	PETER J. STANFORTH ..	7
SHIRLEY BURTON ..	4	ALAN E. HARTLEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

MRS. KATHLEEN BALDWIN ..	Treble	*JOHN F. MURFIN ..	5
*MICHAEL R. BLORE ..	2	*JOHN HARVEY ..	6
†CYNTHIA WEBB ..	3	ROGER BALDWIN ..	7
*DAVID W. PARKIN ..	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Little Bob. † First of Major.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

SYLVIA PEARMAN ..	Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ..	5
ADRIAN SEMKEN ..	2	PHILIP G. ERITH ..	6
FELIX H. ERITH ..	3	†FRANK B. LUFKIN ..	7
*JANET M. SEMKEN ..	4	†MARK A. HUGHES ..	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal 'inside.' † 350th peal for the Association. † First peal. First in the method by all, and on the bells.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK COOKE ..	Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS ..	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	6
MALCOLM FOSTER ..	3	RONALD H. BULLEN ..	7
DENNIS SMEDLEY ..	4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-More,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. IRVING ..	5
*ANGELA M. AYRES ..	2	ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE ..	6
JAMES P. BLOND ..	3	ROBERT B. BLOND ..	7
FRANK E. GODDEN ..	4	†CHARLES J. ADAM ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal. † First of Stedman Triples.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 St. Clement's and two 720's each of Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob
FRANK BEECH, JUN. . . . Treble | BRIAN DAWSON 4
IAN FRIEND 2 | DAVID W. FRIEND 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING 3 | BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor
Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob (each called differently), twice repeated. Tenor 18 cwt.
*PETER LAW Treble | PATRICK A. BARTLETT 4
MICHAEL J. COOK 2 | PETER W. BARTLETT 5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN 3 | JOHN DOWDESWELL Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal.
Rung to mark the Kempsford Church's Challenge Week, held April 1st to 8th, 1962.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
PETER R. HUMPHREY . . Treble | †RAYMOND BENFIELD 4
*C. RICHARD DAFT 2 | MICHAEL POPPLESTON 5
ROBERT PRESTON 3 | F. NEVILLE PAILING Tenor
Conducted by F. NEVILLE PAILING.

* First peal. † First on six, and first in seven methods. First on six as conductor.
Rung as a belated wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Poppleston.

WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
MICHAEL W. BROWN . . Treble | J. EDWARD BROWN 4
*RODERICK ELLWAY 2 | FREDERICK DERRY 5
†MAURICE R. A. KIRK 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor
Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.' † 25th peal.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., April 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 ALLENDALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.
ANTHONY E. CLAYTON . . Treble | DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH 4
MIKAELA ERIK 2 | DEREK E. SIBSON 5
MARCUS P. BARTON 3 | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor
Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 18 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 22 extents and a Morris' 240 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.
*A. JOHN RODEN . . . Treble | *C. ROGER TANDY 4
*F. JOHN VALLENDER . . . 2 | PETER L. BILL 5
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY . . 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor
Conducted by PETER L. BILL.

* First peal in two methods. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First in two methods as conductor.

PETHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 28 lb. in B flat.
*DAVID L. CAWLEY . . . Treble | *CYRIL W. J. BEECHING . . . 4
THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE . . 2 | JOHN C. BALDWIN 5
THOMAS H. HOLMES . . . 3 | DENNIS A. CHAPMAN . . . Tenor
Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

* First peal.

SHOTTESBROOKE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place, and seven of Stedman. Tenor 10½ cwt.
J. KEITH WARD . . . Treble | FREDERICK R. SCOTT 3
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH . . 2 | DAVID J. TAYLOR 4
ROBIN G. LEALE Tenor
Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal on the bells.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
FRANK GILBERT . . . Treble | †MONICA M. MOORE 4
*DAVID E. BELCHAM . . . 2 | †LEONARD G. GATES 5
†ALAN G. SPREADBURY . . 3 | HAROLD J. HAZELL Tenor
Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First of Minor in the method. ‡ First in the method. § First peal. First in the method on the rehanging and augmented ring.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Wells and London Surprise, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Double and Single Court, (4) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) College Bob and Wavertree, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
AMOS INGALL . . . Treble | LOUIS WILLIERS 4
MARGARET A. PARKER . . . 2 | ALBERT E. FLATTERS 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE . . . 3 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER Tenor
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
*ROGER STEER . . . Treble | GEOFFREY A. YARWOOD . . . 4
*JOHN L. GEE 2 | PETER T. DALE 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3 | EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH . . . Tenor
Conducted by EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH.

* First peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
*A. CATHERINE ROOKE . . Treble | HERBERT T. ROOKE 4
FRANK COOKE 2 | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3 | MALCOLM FOSTER (16) . . . Tenor
Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal attempt, aged 12.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David James, son of the ringer of the fifth; also as a birthday compliment to Miss I. Cooke, a local ringer.

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On Thurs., April 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford and Kent T.B., (6) Child-wall and Thelwall Bob, (7) Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HUBERT A. MITSON 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
*ROBERT E. LESTER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal together.

Rung half-muffled in memory of James Bailey.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (rung alternately Kent and Oxford).

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN POTTS Treble	KENNETH B. SISSONS 4
JAMES THORLEY 2	G. FRED TERRY 5
ALAN SHEPPARD 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., April 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH, LEICESTER.

A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY 9—10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5—6	*ROBERT B. SMITH 11—12

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 400th peal. This is the first peal of Maximus to be rung in this method on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH, LEICESTER.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY 7—8

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

This is the first peal of Major to be rung in the method on handbells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., April 12, 1962, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Old, Kennington and April Day, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4
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*DAN S. PONT 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE 1—2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7—8
JOHN FREEMAN 3—4	JACK BRAY 9—10
GEORGE E. FEIRN 5—6	JOHN WALDEN 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 18, 1962, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

At 83, COLLEGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*MARTIN L. HOWE 1—2	TREVOR A. CROSS 3—4
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BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5—6

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

Quarter Peals

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Hayward 1, G. Clark 2, Miss P. Clark 3, P. Newland (cond.) 4, H. Worrall 5, D. Pobjoy 6. For Easter morning service.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Brown (cond.) 1, Miss L. Doone 2, W. R. Chandler 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, Miss E. Pryke 5. For Matins.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On April 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, H. Aitchison (first in method) 2, M. Armstrong 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. B. Skelton (covering) 7. For Evensong. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, J. G. Wall 2, H. Aitchison 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6, W. Tyson (covering) 7.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Easter Day, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: T. Cooke (cond.) 1, Miss J. Warwick 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Senior 6, T. Cox 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

DOVER, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Fisher 1, Miss L. Coveney 2, C. George 3, Miss K. Todhunter 4, G. Gray 5, J. Walker 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, M. Godfrey 8. For Matins on Easter Sunday

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cooke 1, J. Atwood 2, J. Hussell 3, R. Hickmott 4, J. Firkins 5, G. Stallwood 6. A compliment to the ringer of 5 and Brenda Moore on their engagement.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Gill 1, B. Haigh 2, W. E. Cooper (first quarter) 3, A. C. Walsh 4, J. P. Cooper 5, A. Wear (cond.) 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (1 and 2 leading, first quarter for both): C. Bishop 1, W. H. Williams 2, Carol Jarvis 3, Susan Williams (first as cond.) 4, H. Gates 5, Ann Bond 6, Diana Kench 7, W. C. Hughes 8. For Evensong.

HEVER, KENT.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): E. C. Leigh 1, Ann George 2, S. Jenner 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, J. E. Warner 5, B. E. Jeffrey 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George C. Seal, one-time ringer at this church.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. For early Communion service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. S. Woods 1, M. Austin 2, Miss P. Heather 3, A. H. Worboys 4, C. E. Hughes 5, R. Chapman 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. E. Willmington 8, R. Diserens 9, A. Gargrave 10. For Evensong on Easter Sunday.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: L. F. Palfrey 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Easter Sunday.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Crossthwaite 1, P. Crossthwaite (first quarter) 2, Meryl Crossthwaite 4, G. A. Dimmock 4, M. Smith 5, F. Stead 6, A. Gardner 7, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 8.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Dent (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Dioloughan (first 'inside') 2, J. A. Haile 3, Mrs. M. Dodd 4, B. Street (first of Minor) 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, I. McKay covering. Rung for Choral Communion, also an engagement compliment to Miss Edna Birney and Mr. William Pearson.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cowan (first quarter) 1, Miss D. J. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. N. E. Chilton 3, Miss M. Petts 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5. For Easter Family Communion.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, N. R. May (first of Plain Bob Major) 2, K. H. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. G. Warwick 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Palm Sunday, to welcome Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, Rector of Blaby. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, K. H. Mildred 4, D. W. Stenson 5, M. G. Wood 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. R. May 8. For Evensong on Easter Day.

STAINES, MIDDx.—On March 16th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,272 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 552 Kent Treble Bob): A. Johnson 1, Linda Skipsey 2, M. Bartlett 3, R. Wiggins 4, B. Bartlett 5, E. Skipsey (cond.) 6.

STAINES, MIDDx.—On March 11th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Preston 1, B. Bartlett 2, E. Skipsey 3, Linda Skipsey 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, M. Loveday 6, M. Bartlett 7, J. Skipsey 8. Also on March 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Linda Skipsey 1, J. Skipsey 2, M. Bartlett 3, R. Shepherd (cond.) 4, M. Loveday 5, B. Bartlett 6, R. Wiggins 7, E. Skipsey 8. A birthday compliment to E. Skipsey. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Skipsey 1, M. Loveday 2, M. Bartlett 5, Miss L. Skipsey 4, B. Bartlett 5, R. Wiggins 6, R. Shepherd (cond.) 7, E. Skipsey 8. For children's Easter service. First quarter of Stedman for all except conductor.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. C. Rolph 1, F. Harrington 2, Miss M. Miles (cond.) 3, G. Harrington 4, W. Chapman 5, P. Wood 6. For Matins.

STRETTON-CUM-WETMOOR, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Whieldon (first quarter) 1, F. D. Pearce 2, Noreen Toon 3, C. E. Whieldon 4, Kathleen Jefferies (cond.) 5, R. G. Thompson 6. For Family Communion.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Bailey 1, I. P. Stoter 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, J. White 5, A. E. Fullbrook 6, A. R. Wood 7, H. White 8. For High Mass on Easter Day.

WARSOB, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Cooke 1, F. Cooke 2, M. Foster 3, R. Lucas 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For 9.30 a.m. Eucharist. Also 1,296 Minor (576 Norwich Surprise and 720 Oxford T.B.): R. Bullivant 1, F. Cooke 2, M. Foster 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At the Abbey, on April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, R. Cousins 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, H. N. Pistow (cond.) 4, M. P. Moreton 5, J. H. Crampion 6, J. Phillips 7, J. A. Waugh 8. For St. George's Day.

HALF PEAL

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—In the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, on Easter Day, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fellows 1—2, M. J. Fellows 3—4, J. C. Eisel 5—6. Rung non-conducted.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wells 1, J. R. Smith (cond.) 2, R. Cullington 3, D. Phillips 4, N. J. Pumphrey 5, W. Dumolo 6, D. Pardon 7, A. Blythe 8. For Evensong, by local band.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Doubles (11 variations): Ann Warnes 1, Amy Warnes 2, A. Holling 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby (first in 11 variations) 6. For Matins.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): R. Fletcher 1, R. Munroe 2, J. E. Burles 3, A. Metters 4, J. Bagnall 5, D. Ellisdon (first as cond.) 6, H. Barnes 7. For Evensong.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,380 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. Corderoy 1, R. H. Mills 2, H. W. Dunsdon 3, C. Corderoy 4, P. Corderoy 5, Marion Eland 6. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On April 21st, at the Cathedral Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. J. Bird 1, R. S. Algate 2, S. D. Nicoll 3, P. J. Bird (cond.) 4, M. T. Owen 5, M. J. Harris 6. Rung by members of the Cathedral School Society to mark the occasion of the marriage of the Society's Master, Mr. P. E. Parry.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Roberts (first quarter) 1, Shelagh Guthrie (first 'inside') 2, Susan Devey (first 'inside') 3, Margaret Guthrie 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, J. Darrell 6. Rung in honour of the visit to the church, the previous day, of Lord Fisher, former Archbishop of Canterbury, to preach at the Speech Day service of the Cannock Grammar School.

CLIFFE-AT-HOOD, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: G. Kenward 1, S. B. Dobbie 2, L. Mitchell 3, G. A. Naylor 4, B. Jemmett 5, P. Wilkinson (first in method) 6, W. Palin (cond.) 7, T. Wickens 8.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. V. Powell 1, C. A. Lewis 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, Miss A. Gladwell 4, R. G. Powell 5, J. Hope 6, R. Hatcher 7, F. Reed (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 5, 7. A birthday compliment to Miss G. Granney. Also on April 10th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford T.B.): M. V. Powell 1, Miss A. Gladwell 2, C. A. Lewis 3, J. Hope 4, R. Hatcher 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On April 1st, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, E. Piper 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, E. P. Duffield 7, E. E. Davey 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday Evensong. Also on April 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, A. T. Beckwith 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. E. Davey 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTANTS.—On April 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (all calls singles): M. R. Harvey 1, Judith Frost 2, R. W. Smith 3, G. T. Dickens 4, A. A. Paul (first of Minor 'inside') 5, G. C. Paul (cond.) 6.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Higgins 1, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 2, Jennifer Stone-Wigg 3, M. Powell 4, P. Cattermole 5, Sylvia Cater 6. For Evensong. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Higgins 1, W. H. Raxter 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, M. Powell 4, J. C. Eisel 5, Jennifer Stone-Wigg 6. Rung as a compliment to Julie Cook and Robin Skerrett, immediately before their wedding.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On April 12th, 1,320 Dumbleton Doubles: C. F. Wooldridge 1, P. Cattermole (cond.) 2, M. D. Fellows 3, J. Eisel 4, M. J. Fellows 5, A. H. Clayton 6. This variation is Wychbold, with Antelope Singles instead of Grandsire Singles.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On April 14th, 480 Grandsire and 840 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Seymore 1, Mrs. J. Woodruff 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, B. Collins (cond.) 4, R. L. Woodruff 5, D. G. Wheeler 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. M. D. Pearson, captain of this tower.

EDMONTON, MIDDx.—On April 15th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Janet Secker 1, Frances Secker 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, R. Chapman 4, T. Hawkins 5, K. Scrimshaw 6, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 7, D. Langdon 8. For Palm Sunday.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Watson 1, A. Eilbeck 2, B. Street 3, C. Gates 4, H. Wilson (cond.) 5, G. Eilbeck 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Diane Sreet (first quarter) 1, N. Stroud 2, J. Hagley (first of Minor) 3, D. Debenham (first of Minor) 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (first of Minor as cond.) 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, C. Stevinson 7, B. Vince 8. For Evensong.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On March 31st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. L. Crisp 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, E. White 4, R. French 5, J. Edwards (cond.) 6. Also on April 1st, 1,440 Mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. L. Crisp 1, Miss D. Hopkins 2, E. L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, F. French 5, J. Edwards (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cooper 1, Barbara Smedley 2, A. Fulcher 3, S. High (first quarter) 4, A. W. Bird 5, J. H. Soanes (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band for Evensong.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Andrews (first quarter) 1, D. M. Andrews 2, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 3, E. E. Davey 4, F. H. Erith 5, P. G. Erith 6, A. Semkin 7, A. G. Button 8.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Wenden (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Pearmain (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. Mingay (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Semken 4, A. Semken 5, P. Erith (cond.) 6. All the band are pupils of F. H. Erith, of Ardleigh.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Kitson 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, A. E. Leggett 3, W. D. Bailey 4, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 5, D. E. Culham 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Smith 1, H. Colcombe 2, Joan A. Smith 3, Jean Warner 4, Genebeth Mooring (first Triples 'inside') 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, B. Priestley 8. For Evensong.

HUCKNALL, NOTTS.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Burke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 2, M. Burke (first quarter) 3, Miss H. Butcher 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, H. Lewin 6. Also on April 21st, at 44, Nottingham Road, a quarter peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 1—2, P. Nix (cond.) 3—4, H. Lewin 5—6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On March 25th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Papworth 1, F. T. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick 3, E. Coulsen 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong (Annunciation B.V.M.). Also on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, A. T. Beckwith 2, M. Cocker 3, W. Elliott 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. To honour a presentation this day to Mr. Joseph Elliott, on the occasion of his 70th birthday—54 years a bellringer, 25 years tower captain.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 7th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, M. J. Kirk 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band. In memoriam Mrs. C. Baldwin, and Messrs. L. A. Eason and R. E. Housley, laid to rest during the week. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Harrison (cond.) 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, N. D. Kirk 3, R. Harrison (first quarter) 4, M. J. Kirk 5. For Evensong on Passion Sunday.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On April 14th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: L. S. Woods 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Miss J. Cook 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, C. E. Willmington 5, D. Hewitt 6, H. Neil (cond.) 7, J. H. Crampton 8. First in method 4 and 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Dances', 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, A. Grainger 5, J. Fowler 6, W. Poolman 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins on Palm Sunday.

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. A. Cross (first quarter) 1, D. A. Powney 2, Miss E. R. Knutton (first of Grandsire) 3, R. B. Adkins 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, F. F. Godwin 6. Rung for Evensong on Palm Sunday.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. E. Bell (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Scott (first 'inside') 2, R. A. Yeates 3, Miss W. Phillips 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. For morning service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On April 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Game 1, W. Dunn 2, Freda Streeter 3, G. Olliver 4, A. Shelton 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter (first quarter first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, Margaret J. Cozier 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, Elizabeth A. Miller 5, For Confirmation service.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On April 8th, at All Saints', 1,280 London Surprise Major: Miss D. Deverell 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, T. Francis 3, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 4, A. R. Ling 5, F. J. Matthews 6, D. Beresford 7, P. Beresford 8. For Confirmation service taken by the Lord Bishop of London.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. Sinden 1, W. Ellis 2, Miss E. Hatch 3, B. Sadler 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin (cond.) 6, A. House 7, W. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on Easter Day, 1,344 Spliced Triples (four methods): G. Sandwell 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, M. Sinden 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Freda Streeter 1, A. J. Bull 2, A. Shelton 3, G. West 4, M. Atfield 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, H. Comber (cover) 7. Rung for Evensong on Palm Sunday, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George West, on their wedding anniversary.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Prout 1, L. Smith 2, J. Arnall 3, Mrs. E. D. Wilson 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, T. Gazey 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David Clift on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Clift is a regular Sunday service ringer.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. D. G. Northway 1, Susan P. Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. J. Herbert 7, K. Deverill (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ROTHWELL, NORTANTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean A. Marlow (first quarter) 1, A. E. York 2, Audrey M. Hales 3, L. G. Toseland 4, G. Wright 5, B. Austin 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Wells, for 45 years a ringer at this church.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1, 2 leading): A. Ludlow 1, R. Smith 2, D. R. Penn 3, G. Brown 4, S. E. Ludlow (first 'inside') 5, L. Dare 6, M. C. Homans (first as cond.) 7, E. E. Ludlow 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For Holy Communion.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Tucker 1, R. Hale 2, S. Cottle 3, J. Abbott 4, M. Noad (cond.) 5, J. Hughes (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from J. J. Parker's One-Part): Yvonne Patheyjohns (first of Triples) 1, J. F. Bowler 2, W. D. Ward 3, B. T. Lister 4, W. Birmingham 5, F. R. Scott 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, J. K. Ward 8. For Easter Festival Sung Eucharist service.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On April 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Costar 1, L. Oliffe 2, P. Pearce 3, P. Beedie 4, B. J. Coggins (first as cond.) 5, A. Lloyd 6. Rung for the golden wedding (April 6th) of Mr. G. Clarke, of Clanfield, Oxon.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drewett 1, Miss P. Lansley (first of Triples) 2, R. J. Purnell 3, Miss C. Lansley 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, S. J. Withey 6, A. R. Peake 7, C. Sawyer 8. For Mothering Sunday children's service. Also on April 11th, 1,288 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples: Miss J. Humphries (first of Triples) 1, V. Griffin 2, Mrs. R. Drewett 3, E. W. Ford 4, R. Drewett 5, M. J. Stanley 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, Miss P. Lansley 8. First of Spliced Triples by all except 2 and 7.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on April 15th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. E. Sanders 1, J. Chapman 2, J. Rea 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, G. Parsons 5, D. Martin 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Wright 8. For thanksgiving service for church workers, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor and best wishes to friends at Lavenham, Suffolk.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On April 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Gaters: Wendy E. Rhodes 1, Beryl E. Cawser (first as cond.) 2, E. Elton 3, D. C. Oates 4, J. E. Cawser 5, G. E. Oliver 6, A. A. Rackham 7, G. H. Peers jun. 8, N. W. Attaway 9, G. H. Peers sen. 10. First of Gaters for 1, 2, 4, 8, 9. First of Gaters on the bells. Rung in honour of the installation of the Vicar of Tamworth, Rev. A. Jones, to the Prebendal Stall of Longdon at Lichfield Cathedral.

YORK.—At the Minster, on Easter Day, 1,264 Bob Major (on the middle eight): D. Farrar (14) 1, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 2, Miss I. M. E. Lemare 3, F. Atkinson 4, J. Hartley 5, M. Maskill 6, J. A. D. Woolford 7, H. Walker (cond.) 8. Ringer of the treble, on holiday from Aglestone, Leics, is believed to be the youngest ringer ever to have rung a quarter peal at the Minster, For Evensong.

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STRATTON (CORNWALL) RINGING DAY

A very early start was made by Stratton ringers and visitors from Devon, Kent and Hampshire for a tour of Somerset towers on Easter Monday. Travelling through glorious sunshine, Wells Cathedral was reached on time and the party were joined by friends from the Plymouth and Yeovil area, some fair ringing being experienced.

At Evercreech (10) the bells were thoroughly enjoyed and the ringing was good. After the usual hearty lunch in the local inn, the party made their way to Ditchat (8), where the bells really did live up to their name. We then went on to Castle Cary (8) and then Wincanton (8), arriving early to find a notice of welcome waiting, and the bells ready for use. The last ringing of the day, at Queen Camel (6, 36 cwt.), was a most memorable experience. M. A. L.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, joint with the Maidstone District, K.C.A., was held on a rather soggy March day at St. Nicholas', Linton. However, it was fairly well attended and a good amount of ringing enjoyed by all.

After a very nice service and a huge tea, provided by Mr. P. Town and local ringers, the respective meetings were held.

The ladies held theirs in church, which was attended by nine members. Business proceeded as usual with a few new elections plus the re-election of officers and committee.

Next meeting: June 30th, Bromley (joint with the Central District of the Ladies' Guild), a week before the A.G.M. at Darlington. J. F. B.

LATE NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Sharnbrook (6) on Saturday, May 5th, at 3.30 p.m. No business meeting. 152

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 12th, at St. Thomas', St. Helen's (8). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by informal meeting. Ringing restarts at St. Helen's (10), St. Helen's, at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. H. Bradshaw, 168, Prescott Road, St. Helen's. 151

**5,056 RUTLAND SURPRISE
MAJOR**

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456 M B H

35264	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—
25346	—	2	2
35426	—	—	—
23564	—	2	—

36245	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—
32546	—	3	—
32465	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—
23645	—	2	—

23456 A

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By J. H. FIELDEN

23456 W M H

42356	—	—	—
62354	—	S	—
34256	A	—	S
53246	—	B	—
24356	S	—	—

3 times repeated including:

Either 3 bobs A in each part and a single at B in alternate parts,
or 3 bobs at B in each part and a single at A in alternate parts,
or 3 bobs at A in alternate parts and bob, single, bob in the others,
or the same at B.

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